

Remarks

This communication responds to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2006 for the application captioned above. The following remarks are respectfully submitted

§103 Rejection

Claims 38-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawakami (5,099,790) in view of Hu et al. (5,433,786). Claims 38-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Luten et al. (6,812,648) in view of Hu et al. (5,433,786).

Claim 38 has been amended to recite “a single deposition chamber having a substrate-coating region and an electrode-cleaning region, a rotatable electrode positioned in the deposition chamber and having an interior cavity, and a first and a second, distinct magnet systems disposed in said interior cavity wherein the first magnet system is oriented towards the substrate-coating region and the second magnet system is oriented towards the electrode-cleaning region.” It is the Examiner’s position that, with respect to the first and second gaseous atmosphere and a first and second magnet system, that these items did not need to be different in the claim as originally presented. The Examiner represented that if the claims were amended to recite two different magnet systems and explain its criticality, the rejection would be withdrawn.

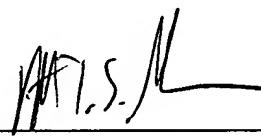
The claims have been so amended and thus Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

As stated, for example at page 19 of the subject application, the importance of orienting the first magnet system towards the substrate-coating region and the second magnet system towards the electrode-cleaning region is to create a first plasma confinement 60 in the first gaseous atmosphere and a second plasma confinement 66 in the second gaseous atmosphere.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested. Applicant believes no fee is due to enter the present Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees required to Deposit Account No. 061910. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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